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CURRENT INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Reactions to Election of Fernando
Belaunde Terry

I. Background

The Peruvian National Electoral Board on 28 June officially proclaimed Fernando Belaunde Terry to be president-elect. He will begin his six-year term on 28 July. The Board confirmed that Belaunde won 39.05 percent of the 1,814,568 votes cast on 9 June.

Of the 70 congressmen elected on the ticket of Belaunde's Accion Popular-Christian Democrat (AP-PDC) coalition, 18 are known to be Communists or pro-Communists. The presence of Communists and pro-Communists on the AP-PDC lists is the probable cause of the Communist Party's overt support of Belaunde throughout his campaign.

Leftist, anti-Communist APRA elected 76 congressmen, and the followers of ex-dictator Manuel Odria elected 34. No known Communists were elected on either ticket. In addition, there are five independents in the new congress, including one Communist and two suspected Communists, one Socialist, and one of unknown political orientation.

II. Public Reaction

The most general reaction among Peruvians was moderate relief that after a year of military rule a civilian president had finally been elected. Very few Peruvians expect Belaunde's administration to bring any great change into their daily lives. Most people suspect that the far-reaching reform programs he advocated in his three campaigns

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(1956, 1962, 1963) will be watered down in their passage through congress, and they are certain that Belaude's military overseers will prevent any swing to the left.

Thus far, no significant adverse comment has appeared in Peruvian information media. APRA charged that fraud had been committed in two northern provinces, but, when the official tally showed that APRA had won in both provinces by a greater margin than in 1962, the charges were quietly forgotten.

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PERUVIAN ELECTION STATISTICS - 9 JUNE 1963

PARTY	PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE	VOTES	SENATORS ELECTED	DEPUTIES ELECTED
AP-PDC	Belaunde	708,662	20	50
APRA	Haya	623,501	18	58
UNO	Odria	463,085	7	27
UPP	Samame	19,320	0	0
Independents	None	--	0	5

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